

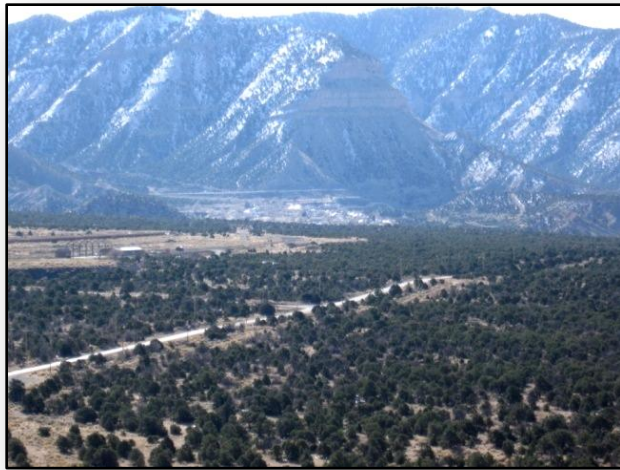
Columbia Wildland/Urban Interface Fuels Treatment

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Location: BLM-managed public lands along the foothills of the Book Cliffs, approximately 20 miles southeast of Price, Utah on the outskirts of East Carbon, Columbia and Sunnyside, in Carbon County.

Project Acres: Approximately 1,400 acres

Legal: T. 15 S., R. 13 E., Sections 11-14, 23 and 24
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Project Description: This project will reduce the dense pinyon/juniper woodlands that could fuel a high-intensity wildland fire in the wildland/urban interface. Wildland fire in this area would endanger public health, safety, and infrastructure and risk the lives of wildland firefighters. The treatment will also improve habitat and forage for big game and livestock by increasing the herbaceous and shrub/forb component of the ecosystem which has been lost due to the pinyon/juniper monoculture.

Utah was allocated American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for completion of this BLM project, and collaboration with the Utah Partners for Conservation and Development (UPCD) facilitated the procurement and application of seed across portions of the project area. Vegetation treatment activities are varied and include manual cutting, mechanical cutting and thinning, and prescribed fire. Local communities have taken advantage of firewood permits that have been available since project implementation began in the fall of 2009.